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a keen interest in the working of the Co-operative Urban Bank, Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank and the Nadiambal Bank. As a Member of the Assembly, his contributions to the discussion may not be many, yet on those occasions when he spoke whether it be on the Governor's Address or on the General Budget discussions or on Bills like the Madras Indebted Agriculturists Relief Bill, he exhibited a rare concern for the welfare of the underprivileged and the lowly. He was a strong and steadfast member of his party and his presence in the lobby and his genial conversation will long remain a cherished memory. May his soul rest in peace.

By way of passing the resolution, and as a mark of respect for the departed soul, I request hon. Members to stand in their places in silence for two minutes.

The resolution was carried *nem con* all the Members standing.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As a mark of respect for the departed soul, I propose that the House may be adjourned for the day.

MR. SPEAKER : As a mark of respect for the departed soul, the House will now stand adjourned to 11 a.m. on Monday, the 27th February 1956.

The House then adjourned.

III.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Roads in Cuddalore taluk

618 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the particulars of roads maintained by the Public Works Department in Cuddalore taluk; and

(b) the aid and loan sanctioned by the Government for the maintenance, renewal and construction of roads by the district board and the municipality in that taluk in 1953-54?

A.—(a) The roads mentioned below are maintained by the Government in Cuddalore taluk :—

Serial number and name of road.	Classification.	Length.		
		M.	F.	FT.
1 Cuddalore-Chittoor road ..	State Highway ..	23	6	0
2 Cuddalore-Pondy road ..	Major District road.	5	3	0
3 Cuddalore-Chidambaram road.	Do.	13	6	0
4 Cuddalore-Vriddhachalam road.	Do.	19	0	0
5 Perumal Tank Bund road ..	Do.	9	1	619

(b) During 1953-54 the district board utilized Rs. 20,951-4-0 for capital works on some of its roads in Cuddalore taluk out of the grant of Rs. 92,500 sanctioned to it in that year.

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Warehousemen in Government Stores

619 Q.—SRI T. P. ELUMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of warehousemen in the Government Stationery Stores under the Controller of Printing and Stationery and their total service including their service prior to their being classified as warehousemen;

(b) how many warehousemen retired in 1954 and what their total period of service since their appointment in the department was;

(c) the pension benefits that the above Government servants are eligible for;

(d) whether since 1946, pension has been granted in any departments to persons whose major part of service was under establishment paid from contingencies and their regular service was only a small proportion; and

(e) if so, in how many cases and what were the pension benefits granted?

A.—A statement^a is placed on the table of the House.

620 Q.—SRI T. P. ELUMALAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what is the scale of pay for warehousemen in the Government Press and for those in Government Stationery Stores;

(b) the duties of the above Government servants;

(c) how many mazdoors and lascars are employed in the Government Stationery Stores and what their wages are;

(d) whether the above Government servants are entitled to casual leave, sick leave and other benefits usually granted to Government servants;

(e) what are the salaries of carpenters and tinkers in the Government Stationery Stores; and

(f) whether the above carpenters and tinkers are eligible for any leave benefits; and, if so, what they are?

A.—A statement^b is placed on the table of the House.

Aided elementary school teachers

621 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of instructions issued by the Government regarding the disbursement of salaries among the aided elementary school teachers in cases where maintenance grant is not allowed in any particular month for any teachers for want of total average attendance of students?

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A.—Under rule 4 (1) of the Rules for Aid relating to Elementary Schools, for want of total average attendance of pupils in a particular month teaching grant will not be assessed for that month for the teacher or teachers affected. But the teacher or teachers so affected are paid their salaries for that month by the management as per the terms of the Teachers Service Register. The Director of Public Instruction has issued necessary instructions in the matter to the Inspecting Officers to this effect. A copy* of rule 4 (1) of the Rules for Aid relating to Elementary Schools and a copy of the instructions issued by the Director of Public Instruction are appended.

National and State Highways

622 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the length of National and State Highways on 8th August 1955 (i) in the State and (ii) in Malabar; and

(b) the length of Highways on 8th August 1955 (i) in the State and (ii) in Malabar, cement concrete and provided with 'black-top'?

A.—(a) The total length of National Highways and State Highways in the State on 8th August 1955 was 2,797 miles and that in Malabar district was 403 miles 4 furlongs.

(b) The total length of Highways in this State provided with cement concrete and black-top surface on 8th August 1955 was 1,958 miles 3 furlongs and the corresponding figure in Malabar district was 167 miles 5 furlongs.

Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948

623 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the total acreage brought under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, so far under the following heads:—

(i) Zamin lands, districtwar,

(ii) Inam lands, districtwar,

(iii) Total acreage on each of the above items, districtwar?

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District.	Total acreage of zamin lands brought under the Abolition Act.	Total acreage of inam lands brought under the Abolition Act.	Total acreage in district.	
			Zamin lands.	Inam lands.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.	ACS.
1 North Arcot ..	227,680.00	29,455.00	239,075.00	49,259.00
2 Tanjore ..	147,153.36	320,270.16	147,153.36	512,114.40
3 South Arcot ..	3,959.29	24,571.95	8,376.95	38,827.07
4 Tirunelveli ..	703,060.10	130,640.34	714,983.30	180,174.53
5 Madras ..	2,217.00	2,432.00	2,217.00	2,432.00
6 Tiruchirappalli.	339,232.00	107,343.00	339,232.00	181,502.00
7 Madurai ..	425,360.00	101,744.00	677,389.00	105,584.00
8 Chingleput ..	326,294.09	140,600.48	326,294.09	170,992.94
9 Ramanatha- puram.	1,247,464.00	407,816.00	1,249,334.00	525,559.00
10 Coimbatore ..	69,760.00	Nil.	76,156.86	9,286.41
11 Salem ..	712,985.60	23,750.40	712,985.60	133,568.00

Electrification of Government Hospital, Ponnani

624 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Government Hospital at Ponnani; and

(b) if so, when?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have sanctioned the proposal for the electrification of the Government Hospital, Ponnani.

District Harijan Welfare Officers

625 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the duties of the District Harijan Welfare Officers;

(b) The posts to which appointments can be made by the District Harijan Welfare Officers; and

(c) the posts to which Harijan candidates were appointed by the District Harijan Welfare Officer in the South Arcot district in the year 1954–55?

A.—(a) The District Welfare Officer is in charge of the administration of the Harijan Welfare Work in the district and his office forms part of the Collectorate in the district. The main duties of the officer are the supervision of Harijan Welfare Schools and Government Harijan hostels, inspection of subsidized hostels and disbursement of lump-sum boarding grants and scholarships awarded by the Harijan Welfare Department and supervision of the supply of midday meals in the Harijan Welfare schools.

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Besides these, acquisition of house-sites, burial-grounds, pathways, etc., and provision of drinking-water wells and other amenities for the Harijan community wherever necessary are also attended to by the District Welfare Officer.

(b) District Welfare Officers are competent to appoint Harijan Welfare school teachers, and wardens of the Government Harijan hostels.

(c) Seventeen teachers were appointed during the year 1954-55 and all of them belong to Harijan community.

Drinking-water wells for Harijans

626 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the number of drinking-water wells dug by the District Harijan Welfare Officer in the several villages of the South Arcot district in the year 1954-55 talukwar?

A.—The number of drinking-water wells dug during 1954-55 under the Harijan Welfare Scheme in South Arcot is as follows :—

Chidambaram taluk	...	...	...	...	5
Vriddhachalam taluk	...	...	...	...	2
Tirukkoyilur taluk	...	...	...	...	2
Villupuram taluk	...	...	...	...	1
					—
				Total	10
					—

In addition 32 wells were sunk for the benefit of Harijans under the Rural Water-supply Scheme and 43 wells under the Community Project Scheme.

627 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of wells sunk for drinking-water in the cheris in the Vikravandi Constituency in 1955; and

(b) the names of villages from which applications have been received in 1955 for digging drinking-water wells in the cheris in Vikravandi constituency and the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Three (completed).

(b)

Names of villages.	Action taken.
(1)	(2)
(1) Dharmapuri	} Works are in progress.
(2) Kakkanur	
(3) Arasalapuram	
(4) Vengandur	
(5) Reddikuppam	
(6) Esalam	

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Names of villages. (1)	Action taken. (2)
(7) Nemur	} Works are in progress.
(8) Thoravi (east)	
(9) Pidaripattu	
(10) Narasinganur	
(11) Ariyalurthirukkai	
(12) Cusba Karnai	} Estimates sanctioned. Works to be started.
(13) Ennaiyiram	
(14) Viramur	
(15) Perumangalam Poondi	
(16) Bramadesam	
(17) Chinnappanaickenpalayam	} Estimates prepared and pending sanction.
(18) Nangathur	
(19) Koralur	
(20) Nelkaranai	
(21) Kundalapuliur	
(22) Gudalur	} Estimate under preparation.
(23) Adanur	
(24) Athiyurthirukkai	
(25) Vellayampat	
(26) Mundiambakkam	
(27) Thenperi	
(28) Seyyathuvannan	
(29) Panamalai	

628 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of drinking-water wells in Avanipurcherry in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(b) whether the wells have been deepened and cleaned, and if not, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Two.

(b) One well was repaired very recently. The other well is in good condition and in use.

629 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a drinking-water well has been sanctioned for the Harijans of Chettikkuppamcheri, an hamlet of Anumanthai village in Tindivanam taluk; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not digging the well so far?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The well was completed except for the platform, which will be taken up in March 1956 after allowing sufficient time for consolidation.

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Costume of students of Medical Colleges

630 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the instructions regarding the costume of students of the Medical Colleges during ordinary lecture classes?

A.—A statement* is placed on the table of the House.

Ranee's Hospital, Pudukottai

631 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total income derived from the paying ward of the maternity section in the Ranee's Hospital in Pudukottai Division of Tiruchirappalli district during the calendar years 1953, 1954 and up to 31st August of 1955; and

(b) the number of cases in which the special maximum fee for maternity was collected and the maximum income charged in each case?

A.—(a) Income derived during the year —

		Hospital stoppages.			Maternity or confinement charges.			Total.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
1953	..	166	8	0	173	8	0	340	0	0
1954	..	290	4	0	245	0	0	535	4	0
1955	..	402	4	0	390	0	0	792	4	0
					(up to 21st December 1955)			(up to 21st December 1955)		

(b) The number of cases in which the maximum fee for confinement was collected during the year was as follows:—

1953—Nil.

1954—Three.

1955—Three.

Maximum fee is collected from all patients or from their guardians whose income is Rs. 300 per mensem and above. The income of the three persons referred to in 1954 was Rs. 325 Rs. 300 and Rs. 500 per mensem respectively and that of the persons referred to in 1955 was Rs. 416, Rs. 600 and Rs. 350 per mensem respectively.

Nurses' quarters

632 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of nurses in the Government General and Stanley Medical Hospitals, Madras, provided with rooms in the nurses' quarters;

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(b) the number of rooms and the accommodation available in the nurses' quarters;

(c) the conveyance and convenience provided to the nurses working in the Government General and Stanley Hospitals for their stay in the above quarters; and

(d) the amount spent on annual repairs and maintenance charges of the quarters?

A.—(a) Two hundred and ninety-three members of the nursing staff of both the Government General Hospital, Madras, and the Government Stanley Hospital, Madras, are provided with rooms in the Nurses' Home attached to the Government General Hospital, Madras.

(b) Three hundred and fifty-six rooms are available in the Nurses' Home, and they can accommodate 347 members of the nursing staff.

(c) Furniture, lighting, water, etc., are provided for the inmates free of cost. Facilities exist for indoor and outdoor games and a well-equipped library is also provided. The nurses of the Government Stanley Hospital staying in the Nurses' Home are provided with one motor van with a driver and a conductor at Government cost for their conveyance and the lunch required for them is brought from the Stanley Hospital by the van. There is also a common mess in the Nurses' Home.

(d) A sum of Rs. 1,000 was sanctioned during the year 1954-55 for the maintenance and repairs of the building. The repair charges for 1955-56 have been estimated at Rs. 2,600.

City Improvement Trust

633 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land purchased by the City Improvement Trust at Trustpuram, Madras;

(b) the approximate cost price per ground;

(c) the price fixed by the Trust for selling per ground;

(d) whether this land is intended for the Low Income Group Housing Schemes;

(e) the approximate cost of each superstructure to be constructed thereon; and

(f) whether the charges for the improvement of the land is included in the selling price?

A.—(a) The extent of the land is 59.14 acres.

(b) The cost price is Rs. 400 per ground.

(c) The sale price fixed by the Trust is Rs. 1,750 per ground.

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(d) A portion of the Trustpuram scheme area is intended to be utilized for the construction of houses under the Low Income Group Housing Scheme.

(e) The approximate cost is about Rs. 8,000 per house.

(f) Yes, Sir.

634 Q.—SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust has submitted a scheme to the Government recently regarding the rehabilitation of evicted slum dwellers in Puliur Scheme Area (Trustpuram), Kodambakkam.

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether the Government have taken any steps to implement the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there are 1,600 families of hut dwellers in the Mambalam tank bund area. According to the scheme formulated by the Trust and approved by the Government, 300 families of the hut dwellers are to be accommodated in the North Saidapet Scheme area, and 100 families in Trustpuram, Kodambakkam. The remaining 1,200 families are to be resettled in the Puliur Scheme area.

(c) A loan of Rs. 5 lakhs for the acquisition of lands in the Puliur Scheme area, and a grant of Rs. 1,38,400 for the provision of amenities in the area have been sanctioned by the Trust. A further loan of Rs. 2,76,700 will also be sanctioned shortly to the Trust for the provision of amenities. The Corporation of Madras also has been asked to pay a contribution of Rs. 1,38,400 to the Trust for the purpose.

(d) Does not arise.

Municipal and Corporation elections

635 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of municipalities and corporations in respect of which elections have been held in September and October 1955;

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government;

(c) the percentage of the voters who exercised their franchise; and

(d) the number of votes declared invalid?

A.—(a) The ordinary elections to the Corporation of Madras and 59 municipal councils (exclusive of Kumbakonam and Ambur) were held in August-October 1955.

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(b) Under the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, and Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, the entire election expenses are borne by the Corporation of Madras and municipal councils respectively.

(c) The percentage of voters who exercised their franchise was 38.2 in the case of the elections to the Corporation of Madras, and 62.7 in the case of elections to municipal councils.

(d) The number of invalid votes in the case of elections to the Corporation of Madras was 16,418 and 27,306 in the case of elections to municipal councils.

636 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of voters for the Madras Corporation election in 1955;

(b) the number of persons that voted in the election; and

(c) the total number of invalid votes?

A.—(a) Divisional seats ..		780,970 *	* This does not include 84,545 voters in divisions 11, 13, 15, 23, 38 and 41 where there was no contest.
Labour seats ..		4,896	
		785,866	
(b) Divisional seats ..		296,371	
Labour seats ..		3,529	
		299,900	
(c) Divisional seats ...		16,192	
Labour seats ..		113	
		16,305	

Handloom factories at Karur

637 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any tripartite talk with regard to the dispute between the workers and the managements of the handloom factories at Karur in Tiruchirappalli district during October 1955; and

(b) whether the Labour Commissioner has received any report from the Labour Officer, Karur, about the closure of some factories when the talks were pending?

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A.—(a) In September 1955, the managements of Innasimuthu Mudaliar Weaving Factory and Viswam Textiles, Karur, put up notices that the factories will be closed from 5th October 1955 and 14th October 1955 respectively. The Commissioner of Labour discussed this matter with the managements and the representatives of the workers at Karur on 15th September 1955. No tripartite meeting was, however, held in October 1955 on this matter.

(b) The Commissioner of Labour received the conciliation reports of the Labour Officer in regard to the dispute in the two factories.

Government Transport buses in the City

638 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Leyland Royal Tiger buses put on road up to date in the City of Madras in 1955;

(b) the cost of purchase;

(c) the number of old buses that are fit for running on the roads;

(d) how many old buses are repaired on the road after repairs in the workshop; and

(e) how many buses have been condemned for being unfit to be put on road and for being auctioned?

A.—(a) Fifty buses purchased have been put on the road.

(b) For each bus of 187" wheel base—Rs. 63,821 (approximately) (including sales tax).

For each bus of 210" wheel base—Rs. 64,096 (including sales tax).

(c) 317.

(d) The number of old buses attended to on the road with the assistance of the mobile squad is 20 per day on an average. These defects are of a minor nature which the squads are able to rectify without undue interruptions in service.

(e) 34.

Road east of Palar anicut near Pudupadi village

639 Q.—SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was made by the people of the surrounding villages of Palar anicut near Pudupadi village in Wallajah taluk to the Hon. Minister, when he visited the anicut about the middle of last month, for throwing open the road east of the anicut for pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

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A.—(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) The road was thrown open to the public for local traffic and it is now in use by the public. Improvements to the road are also proposed to be carried out.

Extension of electricity to certain panchayat areas

640 Q.—SRI V. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the supply of electricity has been extended to the panchayat areas of Srivaikuntam and Tiruchendur taluks in Tirunelveli district?

A.—A list of panchayat areas of Srivaikuntam and Tiruchendur taluks which have and which do not have electricity supply is annexed.

ANNEXURE.

Serial number and name
of the panchayat.

Present position regarding
supply of electricity.

Tiruchendur taluk.

1 Tiruchendur	.. ..	Supply is existing.
2 Satankulam	.. ..	Do.
3 Alwarthirunagari	.. ..	Do.
4 Nazareth	.. ..	Do.
5 Arumuganeri	.. ..	Do.
6 Kayalpatnam	.. ..	Do.
7 Udangudi	.. ..	Work for extension of supply is in progress.
8 Kulasekarapatnam	.. ..	Do.

Srivaikuntam taluk.

1 Srivaikuntam	.. ..	Supply is existing.
2 Samayapuram	.. ..	Work for extension of supply is in progress.
3 Eral	.. ..	Do.

Free elementary education to all children

641 Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give free elementary education to all the children in the State irrespective of the income of the parents?

A.—The Elementary Education Committee has recommended that no elementary school under public or private management should be allowed to levy fees. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration.

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Diversion of Vaigai waters for irrigation

642 Q.—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Special Development Officer Sri S. Arul Dass has submitted any scheme to divert the Vaigai water through supply channels by erecting high walls at Thiruppuvanam, Palayanoor, Perungarai, Avaranthel, and Valasai and by constructing high shutters and, if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—The Special Officer recommended the construction of anicuts across the Vaigai near four places only, viz., Thiruppuvanam, Perungarai, Avaranthel and Valasai. The anicut proposed near Tiruppuvanam would, however, benefit Palayanoor also. The proposals had already been examined in pursuance of the suggestions of the State Food Advisory Committee but had to be deferred till the Vaigai Reservoir Project came into existence, as they depended on assured supplies in the river (which were doubtful) and on the ryots lower down not raising any objections. The Chief Engineer was, however, asked to construct sluices to channels, where necessary, to ensure adequate supplies to the areas referred to.

Higher grade trained teachers sitting for S.S.L.C. Examination

643 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total number of higher grade trained teachers who had appeared for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination by private study in the year 1954?

A.—The total number is 1,650 and 1,317 in March and October 1954, respectively.

Water-supply schemes

644 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken by the Government to help the Panchayat Board, Thuraiyur, to expedite the water-supply scheme?

A.—The Executive Officer, Thuraiyur Panchayat, has been asked by the Sanitary Engineer to get the detailed plans and estimates prepared by the District Panchayat Supervisor with the help of the Assistant Engineer (Public Health), Investigation, Tiruchirappalli, for the scheme of water-supply with the Kasikulam taluk as the source.

645 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any provision has been made in the Second Five-Year Plan to improve the protected water-supply in Tiruvallur Municipality, Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, the estimated cost thereof?

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A.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

Panchayat Boards

646 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of elected members in the Panchayat Board, Turaiyur, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) why no election has been held so far to fill the vacant seats of members and the office of the President?

A.—(a) The number of members is thirteen, excluding the president, all of whom are elected.

(b) The delay was due to administrative reasons and the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has since issued instructions to the Additional District Panchayat Officer, Tiruchirappalli, to conduct the casual elections, urgently.

647 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by the Government from the villagers of Villupuram taluk for the opening of new panchayat boards in 1955, till now;

(b) the number opened; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in opening the other panchayat boards?

A.—(a) Fifteen applications were received by the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Central Range.

(b) Three panchayats were constituted.

(c) Proposals for the constitution of panchayats in the remaining twelve cases are under examination.

Scholarships for the Harijan students of Kuthuparamba

648 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether any applications for scholarships have been submitted by the Harijan students of Kuthuparamba High School to the Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras, this year; and

(b) if so, the number granted and the number rejected with reasons for rejection?

A.—(a) & (b) Two applications for residential scholarship and one for non-residential scholarship were received by the Director of Harijan Welfare and the Collector of Malabar respectively. All the three applicants were granted scholarships.

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Steam laundry in Government hospitals

649 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government Hospitals in the State which have steam laundry;

(b) the number of hospitals in need of steam laundry and the proposals before the Government for their provision; and

(c) the approximate cost of a steam laundry and the number of clothes which can be washed at a time?

A.—(a) Eight.

(b) Fifteen medical institutions are in need of steam laundries. There is a proposal to provide a steam laundry in the Erskine Hospital, Madurai.

(c) The approximate cost of installation of one steam laundry unit in a hospital will be Rs. 3.6 lakhs and the number of clothes that can be washed at a time is 400.

Loans for development schemes

650 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from any of the panchayat boards in Malabar for loans for carrying out development schemes within their jurisdiction; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) & (b) Government have not received any requests in the matter. But, the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards who is the chief controlling authority for panchayats has stated that an application of the Chowghat panchayat for a loan of Rs. 90,000 for cement concreting the road leading to Guruvayur is under his consideration.

Pest attack in Usilampatti firka

351 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damage caused to the crops by red caterpillars in Usilampatti firka of Madurai district in the second week of October 1955; and

(b) the preventive and relief measures taken by the Government?

A.—(a) Figures are not available separately for Usilampatti firka.

(b) The District Agricultural Officer, Madurai, inspected Usilampatti on 7th October 1955. He arranged for large-scale demonstrations of the various control measures such as (1) digging

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out the cocoons near bunds and edges, (2) trapping and hand-picking of moths, (3) collection of egg masses from leaves and (4) spraying or dusting with BHC in the earlier stages and with Folidol in the later stages. The Plant Protection Officer (Entomology), Coimbatore, also inspected the areas and advised the ryots to take up control measures. But a few ryots alone took up remedial measures. As a result of the departmental propaganda and demonstrations, the caterpillars were trenched and trapped in about 150 acres only. The situation considerably improved and almost came to normal when fortunately the north-east monsoon set in full force in that area from 16th October 1955. The caterpillars had been washed away due to the heavy rains.

State Sugarcane Committee

652 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) when the State Sugarcane Committee was constituted and who are the members of it;

(b) the basis of nomination of members to the said Committee; and

(c) the functions of the Committee and whether any of its recommendations have so far been implemented by the Government?

A.—(a) The Committee was first constituted in 1945. After the Andhra partition it was reconstituted in June 1954. The following are the official and non-official members of the Committee :—

Official Members.

- 1 Director of Agriculture—*Chairman.*
- 2 Sugarcane Specialist—*Secretary.*
- 3 Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Madras.
- 4 State Marketing Officer, Madras.

Non-Official Members.

- 5 Dr. T. S. Venkataraman, No. 56, Thyagaraya Road, Thyagarayanagar, Madras.
- 6 Messrs. Parry & Co., Limited, Madras.
- 7 A representative of South India Sugar Mills Association, Madras.
- 8 Sri P. S. Balaji, Nariyumbut, Gudiyattam taluk, North Arcot.
- 9 Sri R. R. Ramaswamy Naidu, Udumalpet, Coimbatore district.
- 10 Sri R. Venkatasubba Reddy, Advocate, Tindivanam, South Arcot.
- 11 Sri C. K. N. S. Nagarajan, Valavanur, South Arcot district.

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(b) The Director of Agriculture, Madras, proposes a panel of names to represent various interests, such as sugarcane growers, jaggery manufacturers, sugarcane co-operative societies, sugar manufacturers, etc., and the Government nominate the members from the panel.

(c) The functions of the Committee are similar to those of the Indian Central Sugarcane Committee at New Delhi, viz., improvement and development, growing and marketing of sugarcane and the manufacture of its products in the State. It can make recommendations to the Government regarding the research and development work in the State in sugarcane.

The following recommendations were made by the Committee at its meeting on 26th August 1955 :—

(i) Further trials might be conducted in the Sugar Factory Liaison Farms with different times of plantings and harvest durations for conclusive data on yield and sucrose of Co. 419 cane and in the meanwhile the factory might increase the acreage allotted to growers in different planting months up to 200 acres.

(ii) The Agricultural Department should continue to carry on research on both fundamental and practical aspects in sugarcane and may collaborate with the factory farms for effective conduct of trials. The details about the mode of collaborations were left to the Director of Agriculture.

(iii) A sub-station in Tiruchirappalli district and a Central Research Station at Palur should be established and that with their establishment the Liaison Farms at Nellikuppam may be shifted to the proposed Kolianur Sugar Factory and the one at Kulitalai may be abolished.

The Director of Agriculture's proposals in respect of the recommendations in items (i) and (ii) above have been received and they are under the consideration of the Government. As regards the recommendation in item (iii) above, the Director of Agriculture has since submitted detailed proposals for the establishment of a sugarcane sub-station at Tiruchirappalli district and a Central Sugarcane Research Station at Nellikuppam. These proposals have been tentatively accepted and are being considered as Part II Schemes for 1956-57. The Sugarcane Liaison Farm at Nellikuppam was abolished with effect from 1st June 1955 and that at Kulitalai from 16th October 1955. In view of the proposal to start a full fledged Central Sugarcane Research Station at Nellikuppam, the Government do not consider it necessary at present to have a liaison farm at Kolianur.

Bye-election in Thousand Lights Constituency

653 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of polling booths opened for the bye-election in the Thousand Lights Assembly Constituency on 19th November 1955;

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(b) the percentage of voters who had cast their votes; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on account of this bye-election?

A.—(a) Three hundred and seventeen polling stations (each polling station had only one booth).

(b) 8.68 per cent.

(c) Rs. 23,712-0-4. (This does not include the amounts paid by Heads of Departments of Government to the members of their staff detailed for polling duty and to the police personnel deputed for bandobust arrangements.)

Assignment of house-sites for Harijans

654 Q.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of applications received for assignment of house-sites in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, during the period from 1953 to 1955 and the number disposed of; and

(b) the number of applications received from the Harijans?

A.—(a)

Year.	Total number of applications received.	Number disposed of
1953	164	152
1954	219	180
1955	1,670	430

(b)

Year.	Number of applications received from Harijans alone.
1953	32
1954	100
1955	282

Community Halls in certain Block Development areas

655 Q.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Community Halls constructed in the Block Development area in Valikandapuram and Vengalam firkas in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, separately?

A.—Two and five Community Halls have been constructed so far in Valikandapuram and Vengalam firkas respectively. Four more are under execution in Valikandapuram firka. It is proposed to take up the construction of four more in each of the firkas

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Improvements under the Block Development Scheme

656 Q.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any improvements have been made in Mangalam village, Valikandapuram firka in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, under the Block Development Scheme; and

(b) if so, what they are?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Mangalam is one of the hamlets of Thevaiyur village, the other hamlet being Renjangudi. The following works were executed in this village :—

(1) A community hall was constructed at Thevaiyur at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,000;

(2) a well was renovated in Mangalam at a cost of Rs. 1,000;

(3) a school building was repaired at Renjangudi at a cost of Rs. 380;

(4) a radio set was installed at Renjangudi at a cost of Rs. 750 with a Government grant of Rs. 385;

(5) one first-aid centre for animals was opened at Mangalam and this centre is being attended to by the Extension Officer for Animal Husbandry once in a week. Drugs were supplied to this centre to the value of Rs. 400;

(6) sprayer and duster and pesticides were supplied to the co-operative societies at Renjangudi and Thevaiyur at concessional rates for free distribution to the ryots;

(7) an adult school was opened at Renjangudi and equipment such as lights, books, etc., was supplied at a cost of Rs. 120;

(8) street lights were provided to this village;

(9) dust-bins were supplied to the panchayats at a cost of Rs. 50; and

(10) recreation clubs were started in this village and sports materials worth Rs. 100 were supplied.

Bench Court at Tindivanam

657 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the sanctioned strength of the members of the Bench Court at Tindivanam in South Arcot district;

(b) when the members were last nominated;

(c) how many of them are holding this office for more than one term successively or by turns;

(d) whether there are any rules for this appointment;

(e) whether any reservation is made for Harijans; and, if so, whether any Harijan is at present functioning as a Magistrate;

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(f) whether any member from Vanniakula Kshatriya community has been appointed to this post for the last fifteen years;

(g) whether any representation has been made to the Collector of South Arcot in October 1955 for the appointment of a qualified member from Vanniakula Kshatriya community to the Tindivanam Bench Court in any one of the vacancies; and -

(h) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) 5 (five).

(b) The members were last appointed on 12th October 1954 and their term of office expired on 11th October 1955.

(c) 4 (four).

(d) to (f) No, Sir.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) The matter is under consideration.

Training of doctors in Surgery, etc.

658 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of doctors that are undergoing training in Surgery, Anæsthesia and Radiology from 1st November 1955;

(b) the number of women among them;

(c) the number of applicants called for the training; and

(d) the emoluments paid during the training period in respect of persons—(i) from the Madras City and (ii) from the mufassal?

A.—(a) Four in Surgery, four in Anæsthesia, four in Radiology.

(b) Nil.

(c) The names of suitable medical officers—one in each subject for undergoing training were called for from the District Medical Officers in the State.

(d) (i) Grade pay and allowances including Madras House Allowance which they were drawing prior to deputation.

(ii) Grade pay and allowances which they were drawing prior to deputation, plus a compensatory allowance of Rs. 50 each per mensem.

Irrespective of the stations from which they are deputed, those deputed for training in Radiology are being allowed the dangerous duty (class III) special pay of Rs. 50 per mensem.

Doctors belonging to the Scheduled Castes

659 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of doctors belonging to the Scheduled Castes working on 1st December 1955 in the Government and Municipal Hospitals in the State including House Surgeons;

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(b) the number of women among them; and

(c) the number that applied for Government aid for studies abroad during 1955-56 and the number that was given the aid?

A.—(a) Twenty.

(b) Six.

(c) Nil.

Veterinary hospitals, dispensaries and touring billets

660 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of veterinary dispensaries and touring billets in the Coimbatore district; and

(b) how many of them are in the Community and National Extension Service areas and who are attending these dispensaries and touring billets?

A.—(a) There are 6 veterinary hospitals, 14 veterinary dispensaries, 9 minor veterinary dispensaries and 2 touring billets in Coimbatore district.

(b) One veterinary hospital, 5 veterinary dispensaries and 2 minor veterinary dispensaries are in Community Project areas and one veterinary hospital, one veterinary dispensary and 3 minor veterinary dispensaries are in National Extension Service areas.

The hospitals, dispensaries and touring billets are attended to by Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.

661 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of veterinary hospitals in Tiruvallur taluk; and

(b) the number of cattle treated in each of these hospitals during the years 1953-54 and 1954-55?

A.—(a) There is one veterinary dispensary at Tiruvallur taluk.

(b)

	1953-54.	1954-55
(i) Number of cattle treated ..	1,973	1,712
(ii) Number of castrations performed.	449	452

Local Development Works in South Arcot district

662 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the entire amount sanctioned for Local Development works in South Arcot district for the year 1954-55 has not been spent?

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A.—Necessary technical staff in adequate numbers were not available to be in charge of the execution of the works. But apart from the non-availability of staff on account of the shortage of personnel, there was no adequate response from the public and necessary contributions were not forthcoming, which is the main reason for the failure to spend the entire amount.

663 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the estimated cost of the schemes sanctioned under the Local Development works for the South Arcot district for the year 1955-56?

A.—A statement ^a is placed on the table of the House.

National Cadet Corps Units

664 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of National Cadet Corps Units that have been newly started this year in the schools and colleges in South Arcot district; and

(b) the number among them for women?

A.—(a) & (b) Four troops of the junior division have been raised in the South Arcot district during 1955-56. None of them is intended for girls.

Employment Exchanges

665 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government have been consulted by the Central Government with regard to the policy to be laid down for the administration of Employment Exchanges in the State; and

(b) if so, the reply given by this Government?

A.—(a) The question of transfer of the administrative, financial and functional control of the Employment Exchanges to the State Government is under consideration of the Government of India. The question of consultation with this Government with regard to the policy to be laid down for the administration of the Employment Exchanges in this State does not therefore arise at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Quarters for policemen

666 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the amount received by this Government from the Central Government for constructing quarters to policemen in this State till the end of November 1955; and

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(b) the number of houses built or to be built with this amount?

A.—(a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.

Lock-outs in textile industry

667 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of lock-outs in textile industry in the State during 1955; and

(b) the number declared as illegal?

A.—(a) Five.

(b) Nil.

Award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal regarding hotel workers

668 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the award of the Labour Appellate Tribunal in 1952 in regard to the wages, etc., of the workers in hotels has been implemented in all the hotel establishments in the State; and

(b) if not, the number of hotels in which it has been implemented?

A.—(a) & (b) The Labour Appellate Tribunal has not given any decision in 1952 in regard to the wages, etc., of the workers employed in all the hotels in the State of Madras. Thirteen of the hotels covered by the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Madras, preferred an appeal to the Labour Appellate Tribunal whose decision was published in 1952. Six of these hotels implemented the decision of Labour Appellate Tribunal and the others closed their business.

Road accidents in the city

669 Q.—SRI A. M. RATHNASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the places where road accidents largely occur in the city; and

(b) the measures taken to minimise the number of accidents with special reference to school-going children?

A.—(a) (1) Mount Road.

(2) Poonamallee High Road.

(3) Nethaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road.

(4) General Hospital Road.

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- (5) North Beach Road.
- (6) Walltax Road.
- (7) Broadway.
- (8) Triplicane High Road.
- (9) Purasawalkam High Road.
- (10) Royapetta High Road.
- (11) South Beach Road.
- (12) Tiruvottiyur High Road.

(b) Following are the measures taken to minimise accidents with special reference to school-going children :—

- (1) Erection of " School Zone " and speed-limit traffic signs in the vicinity of schools to control and regulate traffic near schools;
- (2) education of the public and the school children in road sense by means of loudspeakers fitted in propaganda van during peak hours of traffic;
- (3) holding of speed traps for checking rash driving;
- (4) by patrolling the areas during peak hours of traffic; and
- (5) insertion of slides in cinemas appealing for public.

Payment of salaries of Gazetted Officers on leave, etc.

670 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Gazetted Officers of this Government are put to much hardship in the matter of getting their salaries when they go on leave or are transferred from one place to another; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in consultation with the Accountant-General, Madras, to reduce this hardship?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Training in Ambar Charka

671 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of centres selected in the State for giving training in Ambar Charka; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Payyanur in North Malabar is one of the centres?

A.—(a) The matter is under correspondence with All-India Khadi and Village Industries Board, Bombay. No decision has been taken in the matter.

(b) Does not arise.

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Karivallur reading room

672 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Payyanur Block Development Officer has applied recently to the Government for a subsidy or grant for the completion of the Karivallur Reading Room building; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise. A representation was received from the President, Reading Room Building Committee, Karivallur, for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 3,000 for completion of the building. The matter is under the consideration of Collector of Malabar.

Block Development Advisory Committee

673 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of times the Block Development Advisory Committee for Payyanur-Madai Block Development area met since its formation?

A.—Six times.

People living on production of yarn through charkas

674 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of people who earn their livelihood by producing yarn through Charkas in Payyanur Block Development area, North Malabar; and

(b) what their daily earnings are?

A.—(a) Six thousand six hundred and forty-five.

(b) Annas 10 per head.

Jeeps supplied to Block Development Officers

675 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of jeeps supplied to Block Development Officers in this State under Community Development Project Scheme and National Extension Service Scheme till 31st December 1955; and

(b) the maximum amount allowed for the purchase of petrol and oil in each block and for each jeep?

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A.—(a) Block Development Officers under Community Development Scheme—24 jeeps.

Block Development Officers under National Extension Service Scheme—37 jeeps (at the rate of one for each Block Development Officer).

(b) A limit of 60 gallons of petrol per mensem for each vehicle has been fixed. No monetary limits have been fixed.

Forest Advisory Committee for Tiruvallur division.

676 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Forest Advisory Committee has been constituted for the Tiruvallur division of Chingleput district;

(b) if so, when it was constituted, who the members are and their functions; and

(c) on what basis the members were nominated?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

Co-operative building societies in Tiruvallur taluk

677 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any co-operative building societies have been organized in Tiruvallur taluk from 1952–55;

(b) if so, their number;

(c) the amount of loans given;

(d) the number of persons benefited; and

(e) how many of them are Harijans?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Newspapers and magazines supplied to Ministers

678 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the names of newspapers and other magazines, dailies, weeklies, monthlies, etc., supplied to each Minister at Government cost prior to 1954 and now;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Accountant-General, Madras, has raised an objection to the excessive number supplied to them; and

(c) if so, the total cost of such dailies and magazines for the periods noted in the objection separately?

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A.—(a) Two lists^a are appended.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Rice mill licences

679 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding the issue of licences to rice mills in Malabar and, if so, when; and

(b) the number of licences issued in 1955 after this decision and the number refused?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is presumably under the impression that the Government have imposed a ban on the issue of licences under the Madras Rice Mills Licensing Order, 1955, to new rice mills as in the Malabar district. If so I may tell the hon. Member that, at present, there is no ban on the issue of licences to rice mills (either for the old or new rice mills) anywhere in the State including those in the district of Malabar.

(b) In view of the answer to clause (a), this question does not arise.

Assignment of buffer lands in Muliur village

680 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 1st February 1955, from the Kisan Panchayat of Muliur village in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district, with regard to the assignment of buffer lands in the village to the cultivators who have made improvements in such lands; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The buffer area is 100 feet wide. The Government have ordered that out of this area a belt of 50 yards adjoining the reserved forest limits should as usual be kept clear of all encroachments. As regards the outer belt of 50 yards, the Collector has been given discretion to lease or assign the lands now under authorized occupation in that belt.